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CONTINENTAL CHOCOLATES

UNITED WILL "TURN IT ON" AGAINST NSW ON SUNDAY, BUSBY PROMISES

— BY PAUL DEAN —

"This was merely an appetiser," said Manchester United boss Matt Busby after last week's Sydney match. "We'll turn it on in the second game."

A threat or a promise, take it as you like — but Busby meant it.

On Sunday afternoon Manchester United will face NSW and you can expect fireworks.

The visitors, now having met and properly assessed the local opposition, will undoubtedly go into this match with a carefully laid plan.

They will also be rested — the first time on their tour — as six blissful days will have passed since their last game, in Newcastle.

BEST AGAIN

It is reasonable to expect that on Sunday Manchester United will put near-maximum effort into their performance.

Crerand should be fit again while Law can be expected to be back at his best.

Best? Yes, George Best will be there, too, and so will the graceful Bobby Charlton and the others.

I would like to draw special attention to a young boy in the United team — the tall Brian Kidd.

If this fellow doesn't become an England international star within a couple of years, I'll eat Sir Alf Ramsey's clothcap.

Now, what about the NSW team?

Finally Joe Marston has had a chance to get his boys together and a week's joint training should show results on Sunday.

It is probable that the team will be basically the

Team now rested

same as the Sydney XI was — several of the players just about select themselves.

The NSW defence should again be formidable, built on the broad shoulders of John Watkiss and Pat Hughes.

But it's in the forward line that we keep falling down on the job.

Last week only Baartz and Warren displayed enough enterprise to worry the United defenders — but neither is a genuine striker.

And this is what NSW would need, two of them, to bang in some goals.

Manchester's fine record

Since the end of World War II, Manchester United have won the FA Cup twice — 1948 and 1963 — and the English First Division championship five times, the last only a month ago.

This will qualify them for the 1967-68 European Champions' Cup in which they had taken part before.

In 1956-57, 1957-58 and 1965-66 they always reached the semifinals.

In the European Cupwinners' Cup United appeared only once, in 1963-64 when they progressed as far as the quarterfinals.

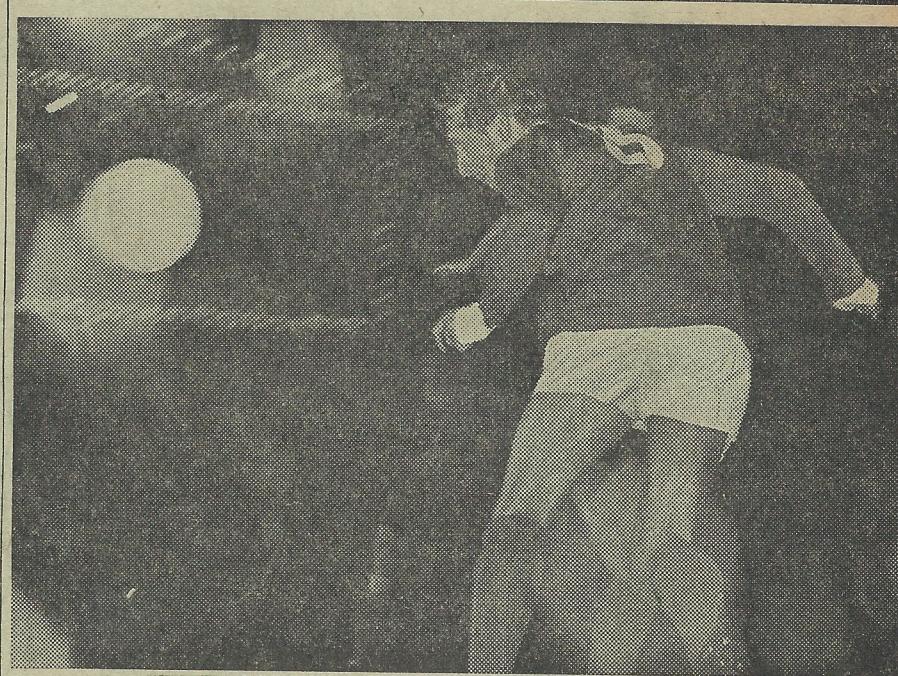
In Europe's third major tournament, the Fair Cities' Cup, Manchester United also reached the semis in 1964-65.

J. Giacometti (APIA)

But who could fit the bill? Giacometti? Alagich? Or perhaps the still deadly Ninas?

Whoever they will be, Joe Marston must at least try to unearth a goalscorer.

In four matches against Scotland and Manchester



Denis Law soars high to head home Manchester's first goal against Sydney XI. last week.



George Best shows one of his inimitable dribbling tricks to fullback Brian Lincoln.



Ron Corry and Denis Law watch as a leg appears and hooks the ball away from them.

PROBABLE TEAMS

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WATKISS

WESTWATER

ALAGICH

GIACOMETTI

REYNOLDS

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SECTION 7

These are my forecasts for the following Australian First Division matches, to be played on the weekend of July 1-2. (Put 1 for a "home" win, x for a draw, 2 for an "away" win. Don't put actual scores.)

NSW Hakoah v. P. Hellenic

Polonia v. Melita Eagles

VIC Hakoah v. Croatia

George Cross v. Melbourne

SA Croatia v. Polonia

Budapest v. Lions

QLD Latrobe v. Coalstars

Hollandia v. G. Thistle

WA Olympic v. Cottesloe

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Closing date for Section 7: 3 p.m., Saturday, July 1.

SYDNEY CLUB PATROL

The ASF will decide at its Executive Meeting in Sydney this weekend whether to invite the full Swedish national team to undertake a five-match tour of Australia in February-March 1968. The ASF will also determine whether it will allocate the \$30,000 asked for by vice-president Jim Bayatti for the preparation of Australia's national team for coming World Cup elimination matches.

Received a postcard from Polonia-North Side president, DR. ROSSLEIGH, in Warsaw last week. The Doctor saw the Scotland-Israel match in Tel Aviv and was surprised Australia didn't beat the Scots. He also saw the European Cup final on TV and in Switzerland watched Lugano v. Grasshoppers Zurich. "The Celtic-Inter game was terrific, but the Swiss and Israeli matches appalling", according to Rossleigh.

Melita Eagles secretary NICK BONELLO was injured at the party given to Manchester United at the Showground after the game last Wednesday week. He left the party room for some fresh air, and a few minutes later was found on the nearby lawn unconscious and bleeding profusely from a head wound that required 14 stitches at St. Vincent's Hospital.

TED BELL, secretary of the Hunter District Protestant Churches Association, is seeking extra nets for his competitions. The Association is in its second year and has over 300 players. For any Sydney clubs who can help, Bell's address is 108 Alnwick St., North Lambton.

JOHN WELLHAM, one of Newcastle's top young players, has suffered another leg injury, which is likely to put him on the sidelines for some time to come.

Melita Eagles have signed a forward from Second Division Scottish club, Dumbarston. He is 21-year-old ALAN BARKHEAD, who slipped unnoticed into Sydney a month ago.

PADDY BONHAM, Croatia's Irish fullback, is back in training and keen to resume playing. Doctors, however, have advised him not to play for at least another month.

RIVERSIDE RAPIDS' second grade side failed to take the field against Liverpool Inter in the First Division Inter-Suburban Amateur League last Saturday. Rapids, however, scored a crushing 7-2 victory in first grade.

The WESTERN SUBURBS Soccer Club lavishly entertained the entire Manchester United party at their clubrooms at Fivedock last Tuesday week for dinner.

Melita Eagles have signed young inside-forward ROGER KERRY who played with English Third Division club Crystal Palace. He will make his debut with Melita as soon as he receives a clearance from his former club.

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BERT JAGGER, Lane Cove's inside right who was injured in the game against Granville, will be out for at least another two weeks with a leg injury.

The fiancee of Pan Hellenic's new English player, forward injured in the Sydney v. Manchester United match, underwent a jaw operation last Monday. Giles will be out of action for three

liberately, we just collided." Giles begs to disagree. "Law grabbed me by my shirt and butted his head against my cheek". Result: Giles this week had an operation for a fractured jaw.

RON GILES, the Croatia's new English player, forward injured in the Sydney v. Manchester United match, underwent a jaw operation last Monday. Giles will be out of action for three

THEY ALL WANT YARDLEY

Bolton Wanderers are among many English clubs bidding for the services of George Yardley, St. George-Budapest's former centre-forward.

Yardley was the star of Fourth Division Tranmere Rovers this year and played the major part in the club's promotion to Third Division by scoring many vital goals. Wolverhampton, Bury and Aston Villa are also interested in signing the Scottish-born centre-forward who seems destined for a big and bright future in British soccer.

The deferred APIA-HAKOAH match, which was to have been played on Sunday, June 4, will take place on Friday week, June 23, at Marks Field under floodlights.

DAVE BROWN, last year's NSW under-18 winger, and Phillip Axentoff, inside-forward, are showing good form in Hornsby's reserve team, and with little more experience will soon be ready for promotion. Both boys are products of the Ku-Ring-Gai Junior Association.

Another youngster who will soon appear regularly in Hornsby's first team is 17-year-old PHILLIP PARTRIDGE, who is in great form and has already made one appearance with the first team.

Additional facilities are planned for WENTWORTH PARK. New dressingrooms will be built and the outer area will be floodlit for training.

Once again the RAS fell down on the organisation at the Showground; during the entire Sydney XI v. Manchester United match they left the blinding lights on all stands. At the same time, some of the floodlights were obviously burned out.

While in Sydney last week, the directors of Manchester United as well as manager Matt Busby, coach Jim Murphy and Bobby Charlton were guests at a special lunch at the JOURNALISTS' CLUB.

"It was a sheer accident," said DENIS LAW after the match about the injury to Ron Giles. "I never hit him de-

weeks. Ironically, Giles was to have spent Monday in Newcastle to watch his former friends play against United...

KEN AKERS, the Heanor Town fullback due here soon from England, will join St. George-Budapest.

DAVID BARBER, 16-year-old Hornsby North End inside forward, has made his debut in first grade. He has won the admiration of officials and spectators by his tireless displays and natural football

ability. David Brown, last year's State under-18 utility forward is improving with every match and is settling down to the rugged games of Second Division soccer. Both boys represent their high schools in soccer at Epping and Asquith, respectively.

PHIL CODD, secretary of the Auckland Referees' Association, has made many refereeing contacts whilst in Sydney on business over the past few weeks. Codd refereed the main Auckland match against Manchester United.

The wife and child of Croatia's Australian international fullback, NIGEL SHEPHERD, flew to their native Scotland for a holiday last week.

DR. MORRIS POZNIAK, the former Hakoah president, was a member of the medical team which left for Israel last week.

Melita Eagles' president, VINCE PISANI, left for an overseas trip on Friday. Pisani hopes to see some Pro. League games in the USA, particularly in Pittsburgh, where five Maltese players operate.

A blue raincoat was lost at the Sydney XI v. Manchester match. Finder will receive reward. Janos Palosy, phone 39-1378 (after 8 p.m.).

SYDNEY PROGRAM

THIS WEEKEND

SATURDAY, JUNE 17

Prague v. South Coast — Marks Field
Bankstown v. Marconi — Bankstown Oval
Lane Cove v. Sutherland — SCG No. 2

SUNDAY, JUNE 18

NSW v. Manchester United — Showground, 3 p.m.

NEXT WEEKEND

FRIDAY, JUNE 23

APIA v. Hakoah — Marks Field, 8 p.m.

SATURDAY, JUNE 24

Canterbury v. Prague — Arlington Oval
St. George v. Polonia — SCG No. 2
North Bankstown v. Hornsby-NE — George Green
Blacktown v. Balgownie — Francis Park

SUNDAY, JUNE 25

SCU v. Croatia — Woonona Oval
Pan Hellenic v. Cumberland — Wentworth Park
Melita Eagles v. Hakoah — Mona Park
Yugal v. APIA — Marks Field
Sutherland v. Bankstown — Seymour Shaw Park
Western Suburbs v. Lane Cove — Drummoyne Oval
Marconi v. Manly — Marconi Oval
Granville v. Corinthians — Macarthur Park

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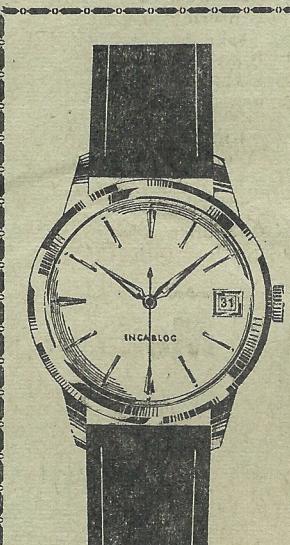
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NEW SCOT MAKES FINE DEBUT FOR USC LION

— From ALLAN CRISP in Adelaide —

USC Lion's newest Scottish importation, Jim Cattanach, made an impressive debut against Croatia last Saturday, and could be the revelation of the season.

Cattanach's distribution and tackling stamped him as a class stopper.

His splendid display lifted Lion to a shock win over Croatia — their first victory in five games.

At 6'4" Cattanach is the tallest player in Adelaide.

He holds a degree in engineering and played for Motherwell and Morton in Scotland.

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Croatia centre half, Carl Wittwer, spent last Saturday night in the Queen Elizabeth Hospital, under observation.

Wittwer contested a header with Lion defender, Jim Cattanach and was carried off unconscious on a stretcher.

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Adelaide Polonia and Melbourne Juventus can't reach agreement on a

ADELAIDE RESULTS

Port Adelaide v. Elizabeth City 0-4. Goals: Smith 2, King, Newton.

Polonia v. Seaciff-Austria 1-0. Goal: Mielnik.

Victoria v. Burnside-Budapest 0-2. Goals: Reynolds, Hughes.

USC Lion v. Croatia 1-0. Goal: Lovell.

Juventus v. WA Hellas 0-0.

SA TABLE

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Juventus	6	2	1	27	7	14
Hellas	5	3	1	21	6	13
Polonia	6	2	1	12	7	12
Austria	6	3	2	12	7	12
Budapest	4	1	4	11	13	9
Croatia	3	2	4	11	10	8
Elizabeth	2	2	5	9	14	6
Victoria	2	1	6	12	23	5
Lion	2	—	7	4	18	4
Pt. Adelaide	1	1	7	7	25	3

ADELAIDE PROGRAM

SATURDAY, JUNE 17

- WA Hellas v. Elizabeth City — Hindmarsh Stadium. Referee: Mick O'Malley.
- Seaciff-Austria v. Juventus — Croydon Park. Referee: John Spiers.
- Croatia v. Port Adelaide — Hanson Reserve. Referee: Denis Grant.
- Burnside-Budapest v. Polonia — Olympic Sports Field. Referee: Ken Candy.
- Victoria v. USC Lion — Blair Athol. Referee: Bill Hosie.

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Melbourne program

SATURDAY:

Polonia v. Juventus — Olympic Park
Croatia v. Alexander — Maribynong

Melbourne v. Hakoah — St. Kilda

SUNDAY:

SM Hellas v. Lions — Middle Park

Makedonia v. Slavia — Preston

JUST v. George Cross — Olympic Park

COOK'S TOUR

Vojtek must get a chance

One of the shock omissions from the Victorian squad has been the dynamic 23-year-old Croatia forward, Billy Vojtek.

Although not recognised in the past as a centre forward, he has been filling the number nine spot for his side with success this season.

For some reason selectors and even some soccer writers dismiss Vojtek for the big games without giving any tangible explanation.

I know that for several years he spoiled his game by selfishness.

But this tendency has disappeared and his game has subsequently improved and for his natural talents, sheer soccer skill and ability to snap up even half a chance with a powerful shot I can see no better footballer in the Victorian squad.

In fact if any forward in Victoria is anywhere close to matching a first class overseas player it's Billy Vojtek.

It's not too late to call Vojtek into the squad and at least let him play their return match with Manchester United.

Without a shadow of doubt Juventus have been the hardest hit side in the State League this year with injuries.

Out of action for many weeks has been promising local product, Dario Epifano,

who is equally at home at inside forward or on the wing.

He recently underwent a second operation for a leg injury.

Missing from the Juventus line-up all the league season has been Eric Norman, the club's hard hitting centre forward who played for Victoria against Sparta Prague and recently left hospital after a cartilage operation.

Also on the sidelines and only a few weeks back from

Scotland is crack-shot forward Jim Malloy, victim of a leg injury.



A.S.F. PRESIDENT IS KNIGHTED

William Gaston Walkley, president of the Australian Soccer Federation, was among the 17 new Australian knights created by the Queen in her Birthday Honor's List last week.

Sir William retired as managing director of Ampol Petroleum Oil Limited in 1963. He founded the company in 1936.

Born in New Zealand in 1896, he was a telegram boy and then served in the NZ Expeditionary Force throughout World War I.

His company led the search for oil in Australia by forming the West Australian Petroleum Company, mainly on his initiative.

Sir William is also the president of Thieess Holdings Ltd. and president of the Royal NSW Institute for Deaf and Blind Children.

He was elected president of the ASF in 1963, succeeding the late Dr. Henry Seamonds.

To Sir William and Lady Walkley, SOCCER WORLD extends its congratulations.

MELB. HSC WILL HAVE BIG TEST

— From BOB LOW in Melbourne —

After a three week lay-off the State League program resumes with the half-way mark about to be reached and Melbourne still on top closely followed by Hakoah and Juventus.

At the other end of the ladder Alexander are only slightly worse off than Makedonia.

It's a really cracking program this weekend with league leaders, Melbourne clashing with their closest rivals, Hakoah who rattled on eight goals in their last game against JUST.

Melbourne, carrying no "passengers" and fighting for every ball, could win.

Juventus, equal in points but inferior in goal average to Hakoah, face tough opposition in the improving Polonia.

The more balanced Juventus may scramble through to a win.

"Bottom dogs" Alexander meet Croatia and have a real chance of improving their lot with their all-

attack which may outpace Croatia.

Hellas, triple league champions for the past three years, will do well to remember that the Lions are a vastly improved side with plenty of spirit and much improved team-work.

However, Hellas with superior class in attack should clinch both points.

Makedonia, badly placed in the ladder but with an all-action side could cause the shock of the round by beating Slavia which have too many off days to be consistent.

In the remaining game JUST who have served up some drab displays recently will have to show a great improvement to even snatch one point from George Cross which are destined to climb the league ladder.

Figuring in a double move recently which saw their wing-half and former captain-coach Willie Hamilton transfer to Makedonia with Alan Hillhouse of St. George-Budapest joining them, Lions have another deal pending.

They are still keen to get Willie Todd of St. George, a former team-mate of Hillhouse and who was the subject of some dissension between them and St. George when he first came to Australia.

One player Lions would like to buy is Slavia inside forward or winger, Charlie McCorquodale.

A frequent visitor to Melbourne recently has been Wally Tkachuk the energetic and enterprising USC Lions Adelaide official.

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COMPETITION TABLES

FIRST DIVISION Grade I.

	W	D	L	F	A	P
APIA	8	1	1	31	8	17
Croatia	7	3	2	25	15	17
St. George	7	1	3	20	20	15
Pan Hellenic	7	—	4	33	17	14
Hakoah	6	1	4	26	11	13
Polonia-NS	4	2	5	12	23	10
Canterbury	4	1	6	22	27	9
SCU	3	2	5	17	19	8
Prague	3	2	5	14	18	8
Melita Eagles	3	2	7	13	19	8
Yugal	3	2	7	14	34	8
Cumberland	2	1	8	11	26	5

Grade II.

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Hakoah	8	1	2	42	17	17
Pan Hellenic	8	1	2	24	13	17
Croatia	7	2	3	35	16	16
APIA	6	2	2	32	25	14
Cumberland	5	3	3	31	18	13
St. George	4	3	4	29	15	12
Polonia-NS	4	3	4	24	26	12
Prague	4	3	3	27	17	11
SCU	2	3	5	16	30	7
Melita Eagles	2	3	7	24	46	7
Canterbury	—	4	7	14	36	3
Yugal	1	1	10	53	53	3

Grade III.

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Cumberland	10	1	—	43	13	21
Croatia	10	1	1	47	16	21
Prague	6	1	3	35	13	13
St. George	6	1	4	30	18	13
Canterbury	5	2	4	16	21	12
SCU	5	1	4	38	24	11
Hakoah	5	1	5	20	28	11
Pan Hellenic	4	2	5	18	19	10
Polonia-NS	4	1	6	13	19	9
APIA	3	2	5	23	31	8
Melita Eagles	1	1	10	16	38	3
Yugal	—	12	7	65	0	0

DEFERRED MATCHES

APIA v. Hakoah
Polonia v. APIA
Cumberland v. St. George
SCU v. Canterbury
Prague v. Pan Hellenic.

SECOND DIVISION

Grade I.

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Manly	8	2	2	30	13	18
Granville	6	4	1	33	12	16
Western Subs.	5	3	4	27	22	13
Hornsby-NE	4	5	2	25	17	13
Sutherland	5	3	3	30	16	13
Bankstown	5	2	3	27	17	12
Corinthians	5	2	4	13	15	12
Marconi	3	4	3	10	12	10
N. Bankstown	4	1	7	14	19	9
Balgownie	2	3	6	17	24	7
Lane Cove	1	4	5	17	17	6
Blacktown	1	1	9	15	50	3

Grade II.

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Hornsby-NE	8	1	2	35	19	17
Western Subs.	8	2	2	37	20	18
Sutherland	8	—	3	47	21	16
Manly	7	3	2	37	17	17
Bankstown	7	1	2	33	17	15
Manly	6	3	2	32	17	15
Granville	7	—	4	36	25	14
Marconi	5	1	4	33	30	11
N. Bankstown	4	2	6	27	29	10
Balgownie	3	1	7	17	27	7
Corinthians	—	4	7	13	31	4
Blacktown	1	2	8	11	57	4
Lane Cove	—	1	9	12	36	1

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

FIRST DIVISION
(Second and Third Grade)
Croatia v. Melita 1-1 4-0
Hakoah v. Yugal 4-0 4-0
Hakoah v. St. George 2-1 4-3

SECOND DIVISION
(First and Second Grade)
Sutherland v. Wests 3-1 1-3
Manly v. Nth. B'town 2-1 5-0

LEADING SCORERS

Karyannis (P. Hellenic)	11
Giacometti (APIA)	10
Watkiss (APIA)	9
Warren (St. George)	9
Baartz (Hakoah)	8
Logan (P. Hellenic)	8
Hood (Canterbury)	7
Giles (Croatia)	7
Ninaus (Canterbury)	7
J. Alagich (Yugal)	6
Blue (APIA)	5
F. Cush (Croatia)	5

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Ex-International stars grace Australian teams

Many British, Continental, and even Asian internationals have played, and are still playing with Australian clubs. These are some of the better-known former overseas internationals currently on the books of Australian clubs:

• Doug Holden (Hakoah-Sydney). Played for England in 1958-59 against Scotland, Italy, Brazil, Peru and Mexico.

• Tom Garrett (Newcastle). Capped for England while playing with Blackpool against Scotland and Italy (1951-52) and Wales in 1953.

• Frank Haffey (St. George - Budapest). Capped twice for Scotland when he was with Celtic Glasgow.

• Duncan McKay (Croatia-Melbourne). This former Celtic star represented Scotland in 1958-59 (England, Germany, Holland), in 1959-60 (Poland, Austria), 1960-61 (Wales, Ireland) and 1961-62 (Italy, Czechoslovakia).

• Trevor Edwards (Hakoah-Sydney). Played for Wales in 1956-57 against Italy and East Germany.

• James O'Neill (Hakoah-Melbourne). Capped for Northern Ireland against Wales in 1962 while with Sunderland.

• John O'Neill (Hakoah-Melbourne). Gained a full "A" cap for Eire against Wales in 1961 while playing for Preston North End.

• Tom Forde (Hellas Adelaide). Northern Irish international against England, Scotland and Germany in 1960-61 while playing for Glenavon.

• Vic Janczyk (Polonia-Melbourne). Many times Polish "A" international. Formerly with the Lodz club.

• Con Nestorides (South Melbourne-Hellas). Countless

selections for the Greek "A" team. Rated one of the greatest Greek players of all times while with AEK.

• Mike De Bruyckere (Wilhelmina-Melbourne). The only full Dutch international ever to operate in Australia. Coach of the Victorian State team.

• Jock Aird, a Scottish international against Norway, and Uruguay and Austria in the 1954 World Cup finals; Karl Jaros, who played for Austria against Brazil in 1956, and Ginter

Gawlik, 14-time Polish international, are other full European internationals based in Sydney, but no longer active in topflight soccer.

Gyula Polgar, the Canterbury coach, played for Hungary in the 1930's and ap-



peared in the 1938 World Cup final against Italy in Paris.

est player ever to appear in Australia, never played for his native country in a full international. Baumgartner, while with Vienna's FK Austria, was only selected in the Austrian "B" team. The genial centre-forward, however, played for his adopted country against Everton in 1964.

Golden boy

Other top-class "imports" who made their mark on Australian soccer, but never played for their country include the former South Coast skipper Jim Kelly (ex-Blackpool); Englands' "golden boy" of the mid-1950's, Alick Jeffrey; Cumberland United's present coach Len Quested, only a "B" international when playing for Huddersfield and APIA's current Argentinian star, Ricardo Campana.

A few playres went on to achieve international honors only when they returned home from Australia. Polonia-Sydney's Joszef Galeczka became a regular member of the Polish national squad almost straight upon his return from Australia in 1962, and the Austrian pair of Erwin Ninaus (ex-Prague) and Adolf Blutsch (ex-Hakoah-Sydney) gained "B" caps for Austria shortly after returning home three and a half years ago.

Match rating: *

Hakoah struck their best form of the season to completely crush Yugal for one of their best wins this year. The half-back line of Walsh, Marnoch and Duffy controlled the midfield throughout the game, but the best football was produced by the frontline trio of Fekete, Yaager and Baartz. Undoubtedly, Baartz' recent outings with the Australian and Sydney teams have sharpened his ability as a striker, and he proved it with

OUR SOCCER HISTORY GOES BACK 85 YEARS

— By LOU GAUTIER —

The recent visit by Scotland and the current tour by Manchester United have once again prompted many British writers to refer to Australia as a "young soccer country."

But just how true is it that we are "young?"

Below we set out the highlights of our soccer past which, remarkably enough, stretches back 85 years.

- 1882 First Soccer Association formed in NSW.
- 1883 Australia's first interstate match: Victoria v. NSW in Melbourne.
- 1884 Victoria's first interstate tour: NSW wins all three matches in Sydney.
- 1890 First NSW-Queensland interstate match.
- 1893 First over \$100 gate in Australian club soccer (in Sydney).
- 1904 NSW tour of New Zealand.
- 1909 Western Australia visits Sydney and Newcastle.
- 1911 Tasmania's first interstate match (in Hobart against NSW).
- 1922 First full Australian national team visits New Zealand.
- 1923 Visit of first Chinese team: crowd of 47,000 watches their Sydney match against NSW.
- 1924 Canadian team in Australia.
- 1925 Visit of English professional XI.
- 1926 Bohemians (Czechoslovakia) tour Australia.
- 1931 Australian team tours Dutch East Indies.
- 1932 First all-Australian Carnival — won by NSW.
- 1937 England suffers first defeat in any Commonwealth country when amateur tourists beaten 5-4 in Sydney.
- 1938 India tours Australia.
- 1941 China tours Australia while both nations engaged in separate wars.
- 1947 First South African visit to Australia.
- 1948 Australia wins all games on tour of New Zealand, scoring 90 goals, only conceding 4.
- 1950 Yugoslav club Hajduk Split tours Australia.
- 1951 English professional team visits Australia, beats national team 17-0 in Sydney.
- 1955 Three overseas teams visit Australia: Rapid Vienna, South China Athletic (Hong Kong) and South African national team.
- 1956 Australia contests Olympic Games in Melbourne. Beats Japan 2-0, loses 2-4 to India in quarter-final.
- 1957 NSW Soccer Federation formed after breakaway from NSW and Australian Associations. Ferencvaros (Hungary), FK Austria and Hong Kong club side tour Australia.
- 1958 Blackpool (and Stanley Matthews) tour.
- 1959 NSW Federation re-affiliated with Australian Association. NSW Federation brings out Deportiva Saprissa (Costa Rica).
- 1960 Hearts (Scotland) tour Australia.
- 1960 Australian Soccer Association suspended by FIFA.

ON SATURDAY

PRAGUE TO WIN

The only First Division competition match this weekend is a deferred Anzac Day game between Prague and South Coast United, which will be played at Marks Field on Saturday.

With the two teams locked on eight points at the foot of the ladder this is a vital game for both sides.

South Coast, as they always do in Sydney, will probably again play a defensive game and settle for a draw.

Prague, the more attacking team, will rely on their forwards to gain the points to lift themselves to a more respectable position on the table.

Likely teams:

Prague: Earl; Harcombe, Moulson; Blacker, Zeman, Scheinflug; Povey, Blanco, G. Manuel, Hoggart, Gauto.

South Coast: Nuell; Strachan, Salisbury; Carr, Barnes, Harrison; Beattie, Barnett, Tolson, Barnaba, Paterson.

Departs:

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Melbourne	23/7
Adelaide	24/7
Fremantle	27/7

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WITH THE AMATEURS

Artarmon goalie stars in draw

— By KEITH GILMOUR —

Artarmon goalkeeper Norm Kern was one of the key players in his club's 0-0 draw with the Inter Suburban First Division leader Marrickville at Mackey Park on Queens Birthday.

Kern turned in an inspiring performance in a match that was full of fluid movement, attack and parry, and midfield battles.

His effort was particularly outstanding, as this was his fourth full match in two days.

With the regular second grade keeper unavailable, Kern played in both grades against South Sydney on Monday.

The games against South Sydney were hard fought and 3-3 was the First Grade result.

North Sydney gained an invaluable two points against Ryde at Cammeray Park, and is now in second position.

Riverside jumped from 9th to 5th place in Second Division.

Their win against Liverpool Inter was anticipated, but a 2-1 result at home against Belmore came out of the blue.

Dee Why were not disgraced in losing to Enmore 2-4 at Dee Why Oval on Saturday.

An excellent attendance was thrilled by the standard of football.

Enmore was held to 2-2 at half time.

After a good goal from Enmore, a defensive mistake by Dee Why gave them a fourth.

Dee Why fought back, but goals eluded them.

In another game on Monday, Dee Why were not troubled by Ku-ring-gai, and ran out winners 5-1.

RESULTS & TABLES

DIVISION I

Marrickville v. Artarmon	0-0	2-3
Sydney Uni. v. Wenty	1-4	3-1
Concordia v. Kewpies	3-1	1-2
Nth. Sydney v. Ryde	4-2	0-3
St. Sydney v. Artarmon	3-3	1-2
Marrickville v. Lidcombe	3-2	3-1

DIVISION II

East Side v. Yagoona	6-0	3-3
Riverside v. L'pool Inter	7-2	—
Auburn v. All Stars	3-1	3-4
Arncliffe v. Penrith	1-4	5-1
Guildford v. Yagoona	2-1	6-2
Guildford v. L'pool Inter	9-0	18-0
East Side v. Warringah	1-1	7-0
Riverside v. Belmore	2-1	0-4

DIVISION III

Dee Why v. Enmore	2-4	2-0
Greenacre v. Willoughby	4-7	3-1
St. Marys v. Condell Park	5-0	3-3
Blacktown v. Ku-ring-gai	2-1	1-4
Dee Why v. Ku-ring-gai	5-1	7-1
L'pool C. v. Padstow RSL	3-2	4-2

DIVISION I

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Marrickville	7	3	2	32	23	17
Nth. Sydney	7	2	2	30	16	16
Ryde	7	1	3	29	12	15
Artarmon	6	3	3	21	18	15
Concordia	7	—	4	19	22	14
St. Sydney	4	5	2	20	16	13
Twenty War.	4	2	4	28	24	10
Uni. NSW	3	3	3	17	12	9
Thistle	2	3	5	20	24	7
Kewpies	2	3	6	16	25	7
Lidcombe	1	2	8	13	29	4
Sydney Uni.	1	1	9	14	36	3

DIVISION II

	W	D	L	F	A	P
East Side	8	3	1	30	13	19
Guildford	6	4	2	35	18	16
Belmore	7	—	4	33	19	14
Gymea	5	4	1	24	17	14
Riverside	5	3	4	27	23	13
Warringah	5	2	4	30	15	12
Arncliffe	4	4	3	21	22	12
All Stars	4	3	4	25	23	11
Yagoona	3	3	6	21	28	9
Penrith	3	2	6	21	25	8
Auburn	2	2	7	16	42	6
L'pool Inter	—	2	10	11	48	2

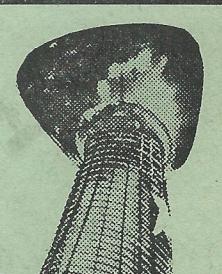
DIVISION III

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Enmore	11	—	9	12	22	
Dee Why	8	2	2	39	24	18
St. Marys	8	—	3	43	24	15
Condell Park	7	1	3	43	24	15
G'ville-H'by	6	2	2	29	18	14
Willoughby	5	1	5	29	34	11
Blacktown	4	2	5	20	40	10
Greenacre	4	1	6	33	61	9
L'pool City	4	—	7	24	38	8
Smithfield	2	1	7	22	45	5
Ku-ring-gai	2	—	10	22	43	4
Padstow RSL	—	11	15	61	0	

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MANCHESTER'S FURY MAY BE LET LOOSE

In their return match with Victoria at Olympic Park on Wednesday under lights, Manchester United should produce something much better than they did on the first occasion if they are to leave behind a lasting impression as English league champions and one of the best club sides in world soccer.

To be quite frank, in the first game — and despite the absence of Denis Law, Bill Foulkes and Pat Crerand — they looked a pretty ordinary side.

Only their distinct advantage in pace and the superb play of George Best stood out above an average performance.

However, United officials and players were obviously disappointed with their first showing in Melbourne and make no bones of the fact they can lift their game immensely for the return match.

It's no secret that they are intent in this second game to

Schroif gave great display

Relying mainly on a strong defence with Willem Schroif in excellent form, Victoria caused a major shock by holding the English champions to a 1-1 draw before a 34,000 crowd at Olympic Park.

United were disappointing and only George Best lived up to his reputation.

Bobby Charlton was only average in the first half while in the second half he was seldom seen.

United took up the early attacks in which Best was prominent with some mazy runs and it was soon obvious that the Manchester players were at least a yard faster to the ball than the Victorians.

However, if the Victorians were slow and hesitant in

parting with the ball the United players seemed easily dispossessed and played a too straight formation in attack in the early stages to be effective.

Manchester had several good chances in the first half but their finishing was erratic and off target and Schroif dealt effectively with all that came his way.

Victoria, too, had chances and both Armstrong and Abonyi missed opportunities to open the home side's account.

The second half followed pretty much the same pattern as the first and the only bright spot for United was the display of Kidd who replaced Ryan at half time.

United managed to get to the front when Bobby Charlton scored with a left foot drive which gave Schroif no chance at all.

Two minutes later Victoria were on level terms through a gift when David Sadler, attempting to head past for a corner, saw his effort go between the posts to beat Stepney for a goal.

Schroif, Van Alphen, Cook

Details:

Victoria: Schroif; Keith, High; Cook, Van Alphen, Randles; Abonyi, Micic, Sanchez, Armstrong (Anderson), McMeechan.

Manchester United: Stepney; Brennan, Dunne; Fitzpatrick, Sadler, Stiles; Best, Ryan, Cantwell, Charlton, Aston. Kidd replaced Ryan at halftime.

Scorers: Charlton 57 min., Sadler 59 min. (own goal).

— Bob Low.

WOMAN READER LEADS CONTEST

Only one reader — Mr. J. Allan of North Bondi (NSW) — had a 100% correct entry in the SOCCER WORLD-LA FIAMMA Readers Contest Section 5.

He forecast correctly all three results of the Australia v. Scotland internationals.

Mrs. S. Michopoulos of Pagewood (NSW) is the overall leader on points at this stage.

The winner of the Readers Contest will win a return trip to Italy by Alitalia at the end of the year.

Progress totals:

230 points: S. Michopoulos, Pagewood.

210 points: R. Esposito, Fawker (V); C. Laws, Kings Cross; A. Naccarella, Marrickville.

200 points: A. Lovrich, Lewisham; G. Baracetti, Redfern.

190 points: J. Allan, N. Bondi; L. Crema, Bossley Park; R. Pizzecchio, Niddrie (V); M. Quarullo, Rozelle; Y. Degli Espositi, Leichhardt.

180 points: P. Ankudinoff, Homebush; L. Cardarello, Green Valley; S. Tumino, Pascoe Vale (V); A. Vellozzi, Wollongong.

170 points: M. Alagich, Manly; J. Juric, Leichhardt; S. Kaye, Brighton-le-Sands; L. Scott, Ashfield; S. Brazzo, Croydon; R. Buonanova, Five Dock; F. Abruzzo, Dee Why; V. Crismon, Adelaide (SA); R. Femina, Neutral Bay; B. Mazzone, Underdale (SA); D. Malfone, Smithfield; V. Sallustio, Ashbury; C. Schifilliti, George's Hall; Valvason, Summer Hill; A. Velozzi, Wollongong.

Players' Contest

George Nuttall of APIA retains his huge lead in the Players' Contest.

There is a new leader in South Australia, McColl (Juventus), while in Victoria Hellas' Piroglou has gone to a commanding lead.

In Queensland, State team players Jackson and Tucker share the lead.

This is how they stand in all States:

NSW

Nuttall (APIA) 753, Giacometti (APIA) 271, Johnston (Pan Hellenic) 247, Warren (St. George-Budapest) 214, Reynolds (Croatia) 175, Karyannis (Pan Hellenic) 171.

Victoria

Piroglou (Hellas) 216, Della Rocca (Juventus) 107, Sonsini (Juventus) 48, Barbazza (Juventus) 47, Voigt (Juventus) 39.

SA

McColl (Juventus) 155, Worthington (Hellas) 114, Perin (Juventus) 55, Baggio (Juventus) 42.

Q'D

Jackson (Hellenic) 30, Tucker (Latrobe) 30.

WA

Giorgi (Azzurri) 27, Ramm (Tricolore) 14.

Tasmania

Morosini (Juventus) 18.

Section 5 results:

90 points: J. Allan, Nth. Bondi.

70 points: J. Carver, Eagle Farm (Q); F. Gregurev, Bowden

UNITED DISAPPOINTED THE NOVOCASTRIANS

— BY JACK MATTHEWS —

Manchester United did not make any real effort to defeat Northern NSW 3-0 at the Newcastle Sportsground last Monday.

United's football was and have things their own way only in the last 20 minutes when the gallant Novocastrians tired badly.

Newcastle's best were Woods, Brady and Lloyd while Charlton, Best, Stiles, Foulkes and Brennan starred for the visitors.

Details:

Northern NSW: Dorman, Woods, Curran, Brady, Doolan, Lloyd, Cameron, Schneider, Whitmore, Scott (Byrrell), Pont.

Manchester Utd.: Rimmer, Brennan, Dunne, Fitzpatrick, Foulkes, Stiles, Best, Sadler, Charlton, Kidd, Aston.

Scorers: Kidd 8 and 72 mins., Best 85 min.

THIS WEEKEND'S AMATEUR DRAW

SATURDAY, JUNE 17

First Division: Concordia v. Sydney Uni — Tempe Reserve; South Sydney v. Granville Kewpies — Booralee Park; North Sydney v. Thistle — Cammeray Park.

Second Division: Auburn v. Warringah — Progress Park; Arncliffe Scots v. All Stars — Cahill Park; Penrith v. Gymea — Jamison Park.

Third Division: Gladesville-Hornsby v. Enmore — Somerville Park; Greenacre v. Smithfield — Allum Park; Willoughby v. Condell Park — Northbridge Oval.

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WILLS INTERNATIONAL SOCCER

The 'Red Devils' Are Coming

W.D. & H.O. Wills, the makers of Craven Filter cigarettes, in association with the Australian Soccer Federation, have brought to Australia the world-renowned Manchester United soccer team to play in the W.D. & H.O. Wills International Soccer series. Manchester United, fresh from their victory in the English League Championships, are at the top of their form.

MANCHESTER UNITED v.

N.S.W., Sydney Showground, 18th June.

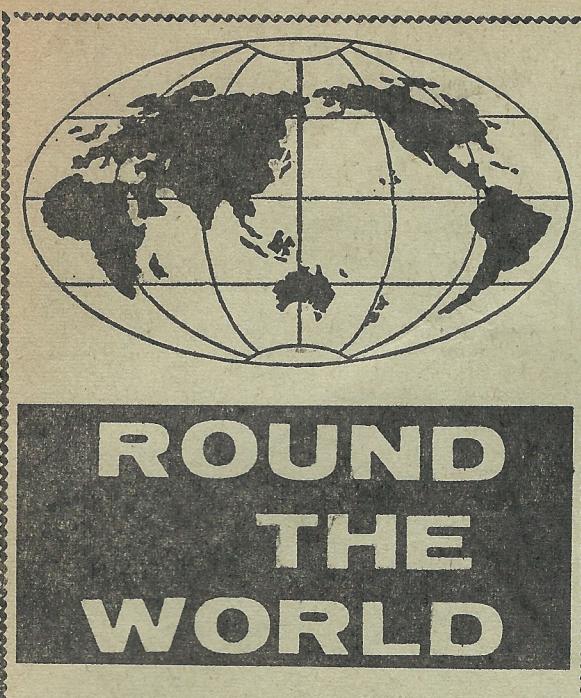
VICTORIAN STATE LEAGUE XI, Olympic Park, Melbourne, 21st June.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA, Olympic Park, Adelaide, 24th June.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA, W.A.C.A. Ground, Perth, 27th June.

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ROUND THE WORLD

Scots in New Zealand

The Scottish tourists won both their matches in New Zealand most convincingly. Scotland beat Combined Wellington 7-2 in the New Zealand capital, then trounced Auckland 4-0. A crowd of 16,000 saw the first match, 18,000 the second.

Holy coincidence . . .

Recently the priest and parishioners of a Catholic church in Glasgow arranged a pilgrimage to Fatima, Portugal, not far from Lisbon. The period of their stay there was around May 25—the day when Celtic, Scotland's Catholic team, met Inter Milan in the European Cup final . . .

Broome's big sweep

New Exeter City manager Frank Broome, just back from Australia, is making a big clear-out. So far he has given free transfers to 12 players while others are listed with a tag. He has retained only eight players, obviously planning to sign some new players soon.

Lure of the lira

Helmut Haller, the German Bologna ace itching for a transfer has had his mind changed for him by club president Luigi Goldini—with a re-signing on fee of \$65,000, cash.

Jim's wanderlust

Scottish starlet Jim McCalliog, who recently toured Australia, is determined to leave Sheffield Wednesday. Although only 20, he has played professional soccer for Leeds, Chelsea and Wednesday. His transfer fee will be about \$250,000.

Slavia Prague's December tour?

Slavia Prague will play in Hong Kong on December 16 and 18. The Czechs will also play in the US, Singapore and Tahiti and have tentatively included Australia in their itinerary. Their provisional schedule calls for six days in Australia, between December 4 and 10.

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● Gerhard Mueller of Bayern Munchen is the latest forward sensation of West German soccer.

● Sanfilippo, once the white-haired boy of Argentine soccer, returned to his native land after a couple of seasons spent outside his country. He is now with Banfield.

● Since the introduction of professionalism in Italy back in 1929, more than 100 foreign coaches have been active for Italian clubs. Almost half—49—were Hungarians.

● Real Madrid's new goalkeeper, the giant-sized Junquera is tipped to be heading for international stardom.

● Joe Harper who toured Australia last week with Scotland, was signed only recently by Huddersfield Town from Morton, for \$62,500.

● Ion Dimitrescu is the new president of the Rumanian FA. He replaces Gheorghe Popescu who was sacked after Rumania were trounced 7-1 by Switzerland three weeks ago.

● Inter Milan and Napoli are bidding against each other for the services of Danish international centre-forward Nielsen.

● Racing Strasbourg have transferred two of their French internationals, winger Haussen and goalie Schuth, to West German Bundesliga club Karlsruhe SC. Haussen was sold for \$90,000 and Schuth for \$50,000.

● Albania withdrew from the Olympic qualifying rounds. No reason was given for the move.

● Espanol Barcelona, Bologna, Sheffield United and the Mexican national team are taking part this week in the annual tournament at Mexico City.

● Tom Finney, one of England's all-time soccer greats, has just published his memoirs.

● A special medal to commemorate Celtic's record season has been struck in Scotland. The silver medal was designed by a woman: Cathy McGrath.

● The Yugoslav FA will suspend for life any player, coach or official who joins the US Professional League.

● The Italian First and Second Divisions in 1966-67 attracted 508,000 spectators less than last season. Gate-takings, however, were up \$18,000 on 1965-66.

● Drago Sekularac, the Yugoslav international will leave Karlsruhe SC next season. He may join another West German club, either Hamburger SV or MSV Duisburg.

● Sean Connery, the screen's James Bond, is a devoted Celtic fan. Connery holds a supporter's card, which isn't numbered 007 as one may think, but 6789 . . .

● Salvador Artigas, Spanish-born coach of the French Bordeaux, will be in charge of Barcelona next season. He replaces Olsen, who has joined Sevilla.

● Tunisia withdrew from the African Cup to protest against incidents at the recent Tunisia-Congo match which ended in a riot.

● The Italian soccer writers chose Inter Milan's new discovery, Renato Cappellini, as the Italian "Player of the Year." Former winners were Mazzola, Facchetti and Juliano.

● The 1970 World Cup finals in Mexico will start on May 31, and not 24 as planned originally.

● This year's European Cupwinners' Cup attracted 1,500,000 spectators as against 290,000 when the competition kicked off in 1960-61.

● Helenio Herrera has resigned as Italy's national team manager to concentrate on Inter Milan, hot favorites for the Italian Cup, the club's last chance to take part in a European competition next season.

● Olympiakos have won yet another Greek championship, ahead of perennial rivals AEK and Panathinaikos.

● By beating Dukla 2-0, Sparta Prague clinched the Czechoslovakian championship. Masopust was sent off seven minutes before the end of a stormy match highlighted by the great display of Jurkanin, Sparta's star player in Australia earlier this year.

SCOREBOARD

EUROPEAN NATIONS' CUP: Spain v. Turkey 2-0; Sweden v. Portugal 1-1; Denmark v. East Germany 1-1; Norway v. Portugal 1-2.

INTERNATIONALS: Norway v. Finland 2-0; France v. USSR 2-4; Greece v. England 0-0 (under-23); Auckland v. Scottish XI 0-4.

FAIR CITIES' CUP (Semi-final): Eintracht Frankfurt v. Dynamo Zagreb 3-0.

GREECE: Egaleo v. Pierikos 2-1; Panathinaikos v. Vizas 2-0; Panionios v. Aris 2-0; Veria v. Panseraikos 2-1; Ethnikos v. Prodeftiki 1-1; Heraklis v. Trikala 1-0 PAOK v.

HUNGARY: Ferencvaros v. Honved 2-0; Csepel v. Vasas 0-0; Dunaujvaros v. MTK 3-1; Ujpest v. Diogsyor 2-1; Gyor v. Salgotrjan 4-0; Tata-banya v. Pecs 4-1; Eger v.

Zeljeznicar v. Hajduk 3-1; Sutjeska v. Olimpija 2-1; Celik v. Radnicki Nis 1-0; Vardar v. Rijeka 0-0; OFK Belgrade v. Red Star Belgrade 0-2; Partizan Belgrade v. Velez 1-1; Vojvodina v. Sarajevo 4-2.

Puskas wants to help

Ferenc Puskas, toying with the idea of accepting a big American coaching offer, has offered his services to coach Finland's national team for a month. Puskas has fond memories of Finland as it was in Helsinki, in 1952, that he won the Olympic soccer gold medal with the Hungarian team.

Big field for Merdeka

West Australia's opponents in the Merdeka Tournament in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, between August 10 and 26, will be Burma, Nationalist China, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Japan, South Korea, Singapore, Thailand, South Vietnam and Malaysia. Matches will be played at the Merdeka Stadium, Kuala Lumpur, and Ipoh's Stadium Perak. All teams will be accommodated at the Kuala Lumpur Technical Teachers' Training College.

Europe's coaching clinic

Europe's fourth international coaching clinic will be held at Zeist, in Holland, on June 25. The course is open to all fully qualified coaches in Europe. More than 400 have enroled. Some of the world's top coaches will act as instructors, including Schoen, Heriberto Herrera, Shankly and Riera.

Celtic in great demand

Since their European Cup triumph, Celtic have been flooded with invitations. Celtic are booked out solid until the start of the 1967-68 Scottish season and their players won't have much time for a breather. Celtic last week beat Real Madrid 1-0 in Di Stefano's testimonial match in Madrid before a crowd of 100,000. In the next few weeks Celtic will play against Dukla Prague, Barcelona, Vasco de Gama (Brazil), Ajax Amsterdam, Tottenham and Anderlecht.

US leagues may merge

Sir Stanley Rous, the FIFA president, is now in America to discuss an amalgamation between the two feuding soccer bodies in the States. It seems likely that the NPSL (breakaway pro-league) will be granted affiliation soon. The "rebels" are drawing poor gates, only averaging 5,000 spectators, whereas the affiliated league, recognized by the US Association, draws crowds of around 30,000 for its matches featuring top overseas clubs. It's now very much on the cards that the 1968 US competition will be a joint venture.

Inter-Milan top drawcard

Inter Milan proved themselves the top drawcard in Italian soccer in 1966-67. Their biggest crowd was 63,931 against AC Milan, their smallest 21,678. Two matches in the Italian First Division attracted less than 1,000 spectators during the season: Lecco-Venezia (600) and Venezia-AS Roma (544). Luigi Riva, of Cagliari, was Italy's top goalscorer with 23 goals. Sixty-nine players received their marching orders in Division I, but Inter only had one player sent off.

Another French defeat

The future of French national team manager Just Fontaine is very much in doubt after France's 2-4 defeat by the Soviet Union in Paris last Saturday week. France have not won a friendly international since 1960 when they beat Chile 6-0 in Paris. Fontaine has been severely criticized for his recent team selections and tactics. Against the Russians, for instance, he picked six players from Nantes and not one from St. Etienne, the new French champions. According to well-informed sources he may be sacked within a month and replaced by Albert Batteux, coach of the great Reims team of the 1950's—in which Fontaine had himself starred.

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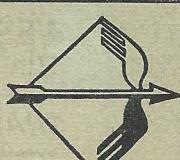
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FULL REPORT ON MANCHESTER UTD. v. SYDNEY XI.

GAME SYDNEY XI. EXTENDED BRITISH STARS

— By PAUL DEAN —

What could fairly be described as a typical Lancashire summer night — rain, drizzle and mist — accompanied Manchester United's debut in Sydney last week.

The 25,000-odd spectators braving the elements at the ghastly Showground went home fully entertained: they saw glimpses of United's greatness, an exciting and far from uneven clash and a surprisingly smart Sydney XI.

United were clearly superior in the first half, swinging the ball with purpose from wing to wing and breaking through towards Corry's goal with alarming ease.

In this period Denis Law showed us just why his heading prowess is so highly respected and feared: the first goal rocketed off his blond head with the force of a cannon.

George Best was at his impish best, sending three defenders the wrong way with one little jerk of his hip and the slightest shake of his toes which move with the incredible flexibility of a pianist's fingers.

One would have expected, especially after the Brisbane experience, that in the second half Manchester would increase the pressure and stage a barrage, scoring another four or five goals.

But this was not to be. United slowed down, having lost Crerand through injury and no doubt starting to worry about the possibility of getting more bruises than they bargained for.

As United's efficient motor began to miss some beats, the Sydney team gradually came into the picture.

With tremendous courage and zest, the Sydneysiders took the initiative and gamely tested United's defence.

Manchester were defending stoutly and even Bobby Charlton dropped back deep, marshalling his men in a style reminiscent of his best days.

At this stage the match was a real contest without masters and pupils, just two fine teams struggling to gain the upper hand.

I thought Manchester played every bit as well as in Brisbane — Charlton gave an even superior performance — and it was only in the second half that they took things a bit easier.

However, the opposition was much stiffer than they could have expected — this Sydney team I would rate a clear five goals better than the Queensland I saw.

To go down only 0-3 against such a formidable opposition, even if they were not flat out, is highly creditable.

It must also be remembered that the Sydney XI never had one proper training run together, let alone practice matches.

Despite this, they played at least as well as Australia against Scotland — perhaps even better.

Coach Joe Marston undoubtedly deserves credit for

one important thing: he refused to organise a tight, blanket defence and ruin the match as a spectacle.

He correctly anticipated that Manchester United would not be desperate to annihilate and humiliate their opponents — and so sent out his untested team with the instruction to "play football."

This they did, much better than we had the right to expect under the circumstances.

As colleague Lou Gautier is dealing with the performances of players elsewhere, I keep out of this.

However, this summary would not be complete without some mention of the superb display of John Watkiss as the Sydney team's pivot.

This was his finest 90 minutes in football, of this I'm sure.

Facing three of the world's greatest forwards in Law, Charlton and Best, the

lanky APIA star was cool, relaxed and deadly efficient.

Details:

Sydney XI: Corry; Lincoln, Hillsdon (Van Blerk); Hughes, Watkiss, Westwater; Campbell (Holden), Giles, Warren, Baartz, Reynolds.

Manchester United: Stepney; Brennan, Dunne; Crerand (Sadler), Foulkes, Stiles; Best, Law, Charlton, Kidd, Aston.

Scorers: Law 15 min., Best 23 and 40 mins.

WATKISS, BEST LEAD PARADE

— By LOU GAUTIER —

George Best, the Northern Irish international winger, was the star of the Sydney v. Manchester United match last Wednesday week.

He was easily United's best player.

Other visitors to catch the eye were the promising young inside-forward Brian Kidd, fullbacks Brennan and Dunne and stopper Foulkes.

Watki was the pick of the spirited Sydney XI.

He was the best player on the field after the interval and stood the comparison with United's world class array of stars.

Hughes, Corry and Baartz were other local players who performed with great distinction.

This is how we saw the players and referee perform:

SYDNEY

CORRY confounded his critics with a brilliant performance. Made only one mistake during the whole 90 minutes. Both his handling and clearances were superb.

LINCOLN, the lion-hearted, fought pugnaciously and held Aston well. Bubbling with energy, he broke up many attacks and made a first class representative debut.

HILLSDON, too, came through the match with flying colors. Sydney's most under-rated defender fully justified his overdue selection and acquitted himself well against the awesome Best.

HUGHES did the work of two men in midfield and also played an attacking role which twice nearly resulted in goals. One of the best men on the field, he did not pale in comparison with United's stars.

WATKISS, Australia's most versatile player, was one of the stars of the match. Imperial in defence, he stole the thunder from his world-class opponents in the second half when he was the best man on the field.

WESTWATER didn't

play as well as against Scotland. Obviously tired, he was slower than usual, but he still covered up well in midfield.

CAMPBELL, who played one half, was not seen much. Out of his depth in this company, the youngster, however, will be the richer for the experience.

HOLDEN, Campbell's second half replacement, disappointed and didn't have the steady influence anticipated. Far too slow, he held up many attacks.

GILES again failed to rise to the occasion in big time football. Played better than against Scotland, but lacked enterprise.

WARREN's repeated efforts in the past few days caught up with him. Visibly weary, he was too static but gave a few nice passes.

BAARTZ was the best Australian forward. Dynamic and forceful, he chased every ball and wasn't afraid to shoot whenever he had the chance.

REYNOLDS started promisingly but lost his nerve and dash after his altercation with Crerand midway through the first half. Messed up some good chances.

VAN BLERK replaced the injured Hillsdon in the 76th minute and quickly integrated himself in the magnificent Sydney defence.

MANCHESTER UNITED

STEPNEY didn't look too safe in the first 15 minutes when he fumbled a few times. Had little to do for most of the match.

BRENNAN, cool and steady, seldom ventured out of his area. A professional through and through, he looked the complete

defender.

DUNNE was never in any bother against Camp-



Bobby Charlton in a typical pose against Queensland.

Highlights

— By ALAN SPEERS —

Here is a recorded story of the highlights of last week's Manchester United v. Sydney XI. match.

8.35: With rain sweeping down the length of the Showground, Law cleverly intercepts a poor goal kick by Corry, swirls to shoot, but is neatly dispossessed by the alert Watkiss.

8.36: A minute later, his spring-heeled leap carries him above the Sydney defenders, but his header is wide.

8.38: Sydney is desperately unlucky not to take a shock lead when Hughes, beating two defenders, hits the cross bar with a tremendous, right-footed drive.

8.42: Though under some heavy pressure from the Manchester forwards, Sydney are not overawed and Reynolds has Stepney scrambling to clear from a corner kick.

8.44: Law opens Manchester's scoring with a deft header from Kidd's flighted cross from the right wing.

8.47: With the red-shirted United men now in full cry, Corry gratefully grasps a rebound from a close range shot by Best.

8.50: Almost another goal by United as Watkiss clears from underneath his bar, with the ever-present Law lurking right behind him.

8.53: Best, showing the incredible ball control which devils Sydney throughout the first half, hooks the ball high into the net from an almost impossible position.

10.02: Charlton, moving with deceptive casualness, has Corry at full length to tip a thundering shot onto the crossbar.

10.03: With time running out fast, Giles is injured after a clash with Law.